

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended claim 4 to insert the limitation from claim 7. Applicant has added new independent claim 9 which includes all the limitations of claim 6. Claim 6 and 7 were previously indicated as objected to but allowable. Accordingly all claims should be in condition for allowance.

Applicant is also submitting herewith an additional reference, U.S. Patent 4,648,935, which is a reference from pending U.S. Patent application 10/700,413. This application is directed at a device to apply seam tape to the edge of a roofing membrane during installation of the roofing membrane, in other words, on the roof's surface itself. It does not address the concern addressed by the present invention, i.e., placing the tape directly at the edge of the membrane. Further, it does not disclose any mechanism to cut the seam tape as it is being applied. The '935 reference also discloses such an apparatus for applying seam tape. Although the device does not show a handle, it is believed the device shown in the '935 reference is manually pushed using a handle. Again, the device in the '935 reference is used to simply apply seam tape in the field and does not provide any mechanism to cut the seam tape or the membrane as it is applied to insure that the edge of the tape lies at the edge of the membrane.

Respectfully submitted,

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